

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on April 1, 2009 at
9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 262, HB 315, 3/19/2009

Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:23 Rep. Bob Ebinger (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on
HB 262, Revise list of low emission wood combustion
devices that qualify for tax credit.

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:46 Ron Pihl, WarmStone Fireplaces and Designs, Livingston

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a04\)](#)

00:06:31 Guy Hanson, small business owner, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:27 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:50 Chairman Essmann

00:10:27 Brian Olsen, DOR

00:11:20 Sen. Brown

00:11:44 Ron Pihl, WarmStone

00:13:09 Sen. Brown

00:13:37 Guy Hanson

00:15:45 Sen. Black

00:16:10 Ron Pihl

00:16:42 Sen. Black

00:17:02 Guy Hanson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:50 Rep. Ebinger

[EXHIBIT\(tas72a07\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:14 Rep. Anders Blewett (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 315, Increase amount and slow phase out of retiree exclusion from income.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:22 Janna Taylor, HD 11

00:24:45 Russell Wrigg, representing Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMRPE)

00:28:20 Jessie Luther, representing Association of Montana Troopers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:19 Sen. Erickson

00:29:41 Rep. Blewett

00:29:53 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:30:14 Sen. Erickson

EXHIBIT (tas72a08)

00:31:32 Rep. Blewett

00:32:59 Sen. Tutvedt

00:33:27 Rep. Blewett

00:34:22 Chairman Essmann

00:35:49 Russell Wrigg, AMRPE

00:39:33 Sen. Brown

00:40:20 Rep. Blewett

00:41:45 Lee Heiman, LSD

00:42:09 Sen. Black

00:42:42 Rep. Blewett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:29 Rep. Blewett

00:44:47 Sen. Erickson

00:45:14 Chairman Essmann

00:45:22 Sen. Erickson

Committee Business:

00:45:52 Chairman Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:50 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas72aad.pdf](#))